



# Calvary Baptist Church

## From Our Pastor

Dear Calvary Family,

Many times, when I sit down to write this article, I have a hard time deciding what to say. Not so, this time. We are deep into the discernment phase of considering joining with Colonial Avenue Baptist Church in dissolving our respective churches and beginning a new congregation. It seems like it's been a long time since we started prayerfully pondering what God would have us do, but I am certain it is impossible to "over-pray" anything... especially something as important as starting a new Church. Both congregations have been praying. Both congregations have been surveyed. Both congregations have met to consider the results of the survey and to listen to each other. Now it's time to ask the question: "Should we dissolve the church we are now a part of and launch (with Colonial Avenue Baptist making the same commitment) into a brand new church.

To consider making this kind commitment is a bit like the commitment we make when we marry. When we get married, we are convinced that our future spouse is the person with whom we want to build a life. In our case, it's not about our faith in each other but our faith in the one we both call Lord and Savior. In either case, there is still a degree of anxiety. Knowing that the one who will lead, guide, ordain, and bless this union will be faithful every step of the way, gives me absolute confidence in what we're about to do.

I invite you to continue praying and listening for God guidance.

On a lighter note, Summer is almost here, and I love Summer. It gives all us a chance to try contemplating new things. I've got exciting news about one of those "new things" we'll be trying this Summer. Rev. Scott of Colonial Avenue, Rev. Williams of Colonial Presbyterian, and I will be working together on a Summer Sermon Series. It's a thirteen-part series called Holy Habits. The messages are about spiritual disciplines that help one feel closer to God and more sensitive to God.

Most of the time when we think about spiritual disciplines, we only think of the study of scripture and prayer. While these holy habits are the cornerstones of a faith centered life, there are many other ways we can build a stronger relationship with God. I don't know about you, but I can always use more pathways to get closer to God.

The series will begin on June 4 with an introduction and conclude at the end of August.

Here's the exciting part: Rev. Scott, Rev. Williams and I are going to be rotating pulpits for the summer. While I'll be at Calvary most of the time, on occasion I'll be preaching at one of the other two churches.

There are exiting days ahead at Calvary. I'm looking forward to sharing them with you.

Sol Deo Gloria,  
Steven W Pollard

## May

### Featured Dates

Sunday, May 7th <b>Deacon's Meeting</b>	3:00 PM
Monday, May 8th <b>Evelyn Townsend Circle</b>	12:00 PM
Sunday, May 14th <b>Church Council Meeting</b> <b>Happy Mother's Day!!</b>	3:00 PM
Sunday, May 21st <b>Annual Church in Conference</b>	3:00 PM

## Trust God's Wisdom, Not Your Feelings

By Rick Warren

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil.” Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT)*

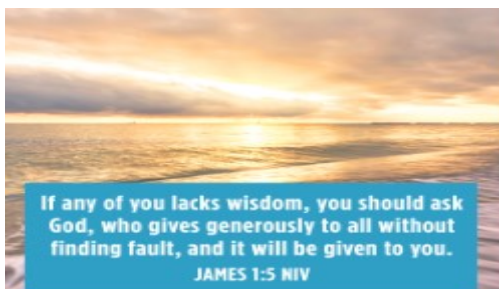
Have you ever had the feeling that something was so very, very right, but then when you did it, it ended up being so very, very wrong? Feelings lie. They lie to you all the time! There's an old country song that says, “How can it be wrong when it feels so right?” Are you kidding me? There are a lot of things that are wrong that feel so right in the moment.

After six months in a relationship, you wonder, “What was I thinking?” Just a few weeks into a job, you think, “How in the world did I get caught up in this?” A quick decision that seemed harmless at the time leaves you broken and scarred years later.

If you want to experience fewer dead ends and failures in your life, you need to hear what Proverbs 3:5-7 says: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil” (NLT).

If you really want God's blessing on your life, you have to depend on God's wisdom and not on what your feelings say or what your gut says. In other words, trust in the Lord and not on your own understanding.

So how do you get God's wisdom? You pray. You talk to God, and you let him talk to you as you read the Bible. That's how you get his wisdom.



If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.  
JAMES 1:5 NIV

# MISSIONS

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## Evelyn Townsend Circle

The May 2023 Mission Project will be buying, packing food bags and delivering food for one weekend in May to children needing this service and are associated with the Keystone Community Center in Southeast Roanoke.

The Evelyn Townsend Circle will meet on Monday, May 8, 2023, at noon, at the home of Ellen Scott, 930 Old Court Lane, Roanoke, VA 24015. All ladies of the church are invited to join us.



## May Annual Church In Conference

Calvary's Annual Church in Conference will be held following worship on Sunday, May 21st. All members are encouraged to attend this yearly event during which the annual reports of church organizations are received.

Two essential segments of this meeting include the congregational vote on the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of members that will serve on Standing Committees for the 2023-2024 church year, and the election of new members of the Fellowship of Deacons.

Deacon nomination forms can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Mark your calendar and please plan to attend and participate!

## 2023 Easter Donations

In loving memory of those that are always in our hearts:

**In Loving Memory of:**

Rev. Dan Scott  
 Dr. Harry and Frances Gamble  
 Samuel and Rose Moresco  
 Charles F. Secrist  
 Mary Sutherland  
 Bea Foss  
 Alta and George Carden  
 Louise and Clarence Hawkins  
 Laban Johnson  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Bailey  
 Ms. Sandra L. Overstreet  
 Tom Waugh  
 Bess, Warren and John Kinsey  
 Belva and Horace Hicks  
 Warren Cratch  
 Tommy Sutherland  
 Rubye Kraft  
 Bessie & Warren Kinsey  
 John Michael Kinsey  
 Ty Watkins  
 Candace Brogden  
 Ruby Howell  
 Madge Morse  
 Joyce Palmer  
 Nancy Akers  
 Sandra Overstreet  
 Mary Louise Calhoun  
 Shirley Harrison  
 Marie Woolwine  
 Florence and Syl Stump  
 Helen and Jimmy Slusher  
 Paul M. & Ruby Howell  
 Sam & Sadie Howell  
 Jack & Etta Mae Vernon  
 Doris St. Clair  
 Scott St. Clair  
 Todd St. Clair  
 Dr. Richard Fisher  
 Anne Katherine Fisher  
 Richard Fisher, Jr.  
 George and Betty Overby  
 Russell and Eloise Wilkerson

**Given by:**

Ellen Scott  
 Dominic and Angela Moresco  
 Dominic and Angela Moresco  
 Vilas Secrist, Wife  
 Cara Sutherland, Granddaughter  
 Cara Sutherland, Granddaughter  
 Bobbie and Buddy Hawkins  
 Bobbie and Buddy Hawkins  
 Bobbie and Buddy Hawkins  
 Evelyn Lewis  
 Evelyn Lewis  
 Evelyn Lewis  
 Joyce Waugh  
 Neal and Kathy Kinsey  
 Neal and Kathy Kinsey  
 Mickey Sutherland Cratch  
 Mickey, Cara and Steve  
 Mickey, Cara and Steve  
 David Kinsey, Son  
 David Kinsey, Brother  
 David Kinsey, Lifelong Friend  
 Evelyn Townsend Circle  
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 Jim and Patsy Stump  
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 Paul V., Catherine, Sarah & Nichole Howell  
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 Joe St. Clair  
 Joe St. Clair  
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 Anne Fisher Andrews  
 Anne Fisher Andrews  
 Anne Fisher Andrews  
 Lisa Baker  
 Susan Snyder

## 2023 Easter Donations

### In honor of those special to us:

**In Honor of:**

Calvary Staff  
Debbie Foutz  
Bobbie and Buddy Hawkins  
Dr. Steve and Glenda Pollard  
Calvary's Staff & Congregation  
Janet King  
Mary Ellen Gearhart  
Evelyn Lewis  
Ellen Scott  
Don and Gwynn Derrick  
Bob and Betti Fisher  
Jim and Judy Fisher  
Amy F Miles  
Corey Andrews  
John and Catherine Fisher  
Paul Andrews  
Tim and Aldijana Andrews  
Jan Johnson  
Tammy Hutchens  
Sara Templin  
Cara Sutherland  
Debbie Foutz  
Jean McBride  
Debbie Foutz  
Calvary Congregation  
Cabela Stallard

**Given by:**

Cara Sutherland  
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Neal and Kathy Kinsey  
Betty Hall  
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Betty Hall  
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Patty and Ray Templin  
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Susan Snyder  
Susan Snyder  
Betty Hall  
Betty Hall  
Debbie Foutz  
Penny & Arnold Horsley, Grandparents

# May Serving Schedule

## May 7

### Ushers .....

Kathy Kinsey, Neal Kinsey

### Deacons .....

Kathy Kinsey Ch., Ray Templin, Glenda Pollard and John Urquhart

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: John Urquhart

## May 14

### Ushers .....

Cara Sutherland, Lisa Baker

### Deacons .....

Neal Kinsey, Ch., Janice Deyerle, Susan Snyder

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Kathy Kinsey

## May 21

### Ushers .....

John Urquhart, Gordon Williams

### Deacons .....

John Urquhart, Ch., TBD, Becky Beard

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Ray Templin

## May 28

### Ushers .....

Bobbie Hawkins, Cara Sutherland

### Deacons .....

Janice Deyerle, Ch., Ray Templin, Susan Snyder

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Bobbie Hawkins

05/02 – Ray Templin  
05/04 – Linda Dwyer  
05/11 – Carol Tate  
05/20 – Kaitlyn Hatcher  
05/21 – Lillian Howell  
05/23 – Judy Farano  
05/29 – Joe St. Clair  
05/31 – Cara Sutherland



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